Committee on Rules during that period (H. Rept. 104–445). Pages H50, H90

Second Session: Pursuant to the 20th amendment to the Constitution, convened at noon on Wednesday, January 3, 1996 for the second session of the 104th Congress.

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Notify the President: House agreed to H. Res. 325, providing for a committee to notify the President of the assembly of the Congress. Subsequently, the Speaker appointed Representatives Armey and Gephardt as members of the committee on the part of the House.

Inform the Senate: House agreed to H. Res. 326, to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled.

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Hour of Meeting: House agreed to H. Res. 327, providing for the hour of meeting of the House.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business for today.

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Presidential Message—Loan Guarantees to Israel: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits an unclassified report on the Loan Guarantees to Israel Program—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 328, relating to the privileges of the House, did not constitute a question of privilege of the House and was not in order.

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By a yea-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 167 nays, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 2, agreed to the Armey motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair.

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Presidential Veto Message—Defense Authorization: Read a message from the President wherein he announces his veto of H.R. 1530, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military strengths for fiscal year 1996, and explains his reasons therefor—ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–155).

Defense Authorization: By a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 156 nays, Roll No. 3, the House sustained the President's veto of H.R. 1530, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1996 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override).

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Subsequently, the message and the bill were referred to the Committee on National Security.

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Romanian emigration: Message wherein he transmits

Romanian emigration: Message wherein he transmits a report certifying the continued Romanian compliance with emigration policy—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–156); and

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National emergency with respect to Libya: Message wherein he transmits his continuance of a state of national emergency with respect to Libya—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–157).

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Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary: By a yeaand-nay vote of 240 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 4, the House voted to sustain the President's veto of H.R. 2076, making appropriations for the Department of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override).

Subsequently, the message and the bill were referred to the Committee on Appropriations. Page H33 Farm Credit Relief: House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2029, to amend the Farm

Credit Act of 1971 to provide regulatory relief, with an amendment—clearing the measure for Senate action.

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Further Continuing Appropriations: House agreed to the Walsh motion that H.J. Res. 153, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, be considered as passed.

Earlier, objection was heard to the Walsh motion that the joint resolution be considered as passed by the House.

Quorum Calls—Vote: One quorum call (Roll No. 1) and three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1, H6–7, H22, and H33.

Adjournment: Met at noon and adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RECESS AUTHORITY

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported, by a vote of 8 to 4, a resolution authorizing the Speaker to declare recesses subject to the call of the Chair on calendar day Friday, January 5, 1996 through Tuesday, January 9, 1996 and during three day periods thereafter until calendar day Tuesday, January 23, 1996.

The resolution also waives clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring a 2/3 vote to reconsider a rule on the same day it is reported) against certain resolutions

reported from the Committee on Rules before calendar day Wednesday, January 24, 1996. The waiver applies to special rules providing for consideration or disposition of any measures, amendments thereto, conference reports thereon, or amendments reported in disagreement from a conference (1) making general appropriations for the fiscal year 1996; (2) including provisions making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996; (3) including provisions increasing or waiving the public debt limit under section 3101 (b) of title 31, United States Code; and, (4) providing for a balanced budget by the year 2002.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1996 Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Department of Energy: Travel Expenditures and Related Issues, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Haiti: Human Rights and Police Issues, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.